

AUGUSTUS THOMAS, popular playwright, who may be honored with medal by American Academy of Arts and Letters.



MEDAL TO BE PRESENTED TODAY

American Academy of Arts and Letters Now in Session at Chicago.

CHICAGO, Nov. 14.—The American Academy of Arts and Letters listened today to arguments favoring ragtime music and popular songs as against sex problem novels, by speakers at its annual meeting here. Reginald De Koven, speaking in favor of opera in English, declared that ragtime music had established the popular song in America and that it was in process of creating in this country a musical consciousness built from the bottom upward, as was normal and proper. Samuel McChord Crothers said that the sex novel of the present was unrelieved by humor or straight thinking.

Intimation that the gold medal of the academy, which this year will be awarded in drama, will be given Augustus Thomas, was seen in the departure for St. Louis of Percy Mackaye. It was stated yesterday that the medalist would be either Mackaye or Thomas. The ceremony of bestowal will be tomorrow.

Mr. De Koven said that all operas soon must be sung in this country in English. English was second to none as a singing language, Mr. De Koven asserted, and he was applauded by the academicians. "We have no folk music in this country," he said. "The songs of the Indians and the negroes cannot be considered to have in them any basis for popular music. I do not deny ragtime and popular songs. They are building up our music as it should be built, from the bottom upward, not from the top down. The popular song of today is immeasurably better than those of ten years ago. Popular music publishers tell me that songs that sold easily five years ago would not be good enough to sell now."

Other speakers were Madison Cawein, who read a poem; William Gillette and Thomas Hastings.

TAFT DECLARES JAPAN HAS KEPT FAITH WITH US

Former President Also Says Thoughtless People in California or Elsewhere Should Be Restrained by U. S.

SCOUTS THE IDEA OF FILIPINO FREEDOM

Insists the Present Administration Will Make a Great Mistake if It Listens to Smooth Politicians.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 14.—Asserting that the Japanese government had faithfully lived up to its treaty obligations by keeping its coolie labor from American shores, former President Taft, in an address before the National Geographic society here tonight, declared that the United States must keep faith with Japan by refusing to discriminate against its people.

"And," he said, "no matter what the reckless and unjust acts of thoughtless people in California or elsewhere may be, they should be restrained."

Before a distinguished gathering of scientists and government officials the former president scouted the probability of war between Japan and the United States, saying it was the last thing the statesmen of Japan desired.

**Battle for Trade.** "The only danger of a war," he added, "lies in our injustice to the Japanese. They are fighting the battle for trade and not for conquest or further acquisition of territory, at least in this direction. All we have to do to avoid other than business rivalry is to treat them as we would wish to be treated."

Critics who have spoken of the probability of an armed conflict between the two countries and of the landing of a great Japanese force on the California coast, the speaker declared, proceeded on an assumption that never would be realized in fact.

"The transportation of any army 5000 miles across the trackless waste of the Pacific with all the chances of attack upon the troop ships that would have to carry them," he said, "is an idle dream, and the Japanese would not deal in idle dreams, even if they coveted our country, as they do not."

Japan a Great Power.

Mr. Taft spoke of Japan as a great power and said it was for the interest of the civilization of the world that America and its people keep on good terms.

"They do not insist on pushing themselves into our civilization, their number is diminishing in this country rather than increasing and those who here ought to be treated without discrimination. That is all they ask."

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WILL ATTEMPT TO SETTLE THE S. P. TROUBLE

President Wilson Orders Assistant Commissioner Hanger of the Board of Mediation to New Orleans.

RAILROAD TIE-UP ALMOST COMPLETE

Strike May Spread to West; Julius Kruttschnitt Makes Statement of the Views of the Company.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 14.—President Wilson late today instructed Assistant Commissioner Hanger of the board of mediation and conciliation to proceed at once to New Orleans to aid in settling the strike of Southern Pacific railway operating employees.

NEW ORLEANS, Nov. 14.—Except for two transcontinental passenger trains, one arriving and one leaving here today, traffic on the Southern Pacific railway in Louisiana is tied up by the strike of engine men and trainmen. The road will not attempt to operate freight trains and all passenger trains, but the two through trains have been annulled indefinitely.

The train arriving here this morning was manned by the road's division of officials from Lafayette, La., a division terminal, and the same crew took out the west-bound train shortly before noon. No violence was attempted and the crew was not subjected to the usual hoots and jeers attending a strike. Local union officials at a meeting today told the men that attempts at violence would mean expulsion of the perpetrators from the union. They predict that the strike will spread farther to the west.

Heavy Loss Threatened.

With the loss of millions of dollars threatening sugar and rice producers of Louisiana because of the strike, business men sent a long message to President Wilson appealing to him personally to intervene to help settle the strike and learned with pleasure that Assistant Commissioner Hanger had been dispatched to offer his services as mediator.

Cane producers are in the midst of harvesting a large crop. Should frost come before it is hauled to the mills, the loss will be heavy. The Southern Pacific traverses the richest cane section probably in the United States.

Local Southern Pacific officials say they examined today thirty-six engineers who applied for work. They will not be put on engines unless they come fully up to standard requirements, roads officials say. The officials also said that the Switchmen's Union of North America was offering men to the company. Three switching crews are on duty in the Southern Pacific yards, but have little to do, as union men working on other roads refuse to accept freight handled by men not affiliated with their unions. Not even passenger freight will be handled, say the railroad officials.

COMPANY WILLING TO MEET COMMITTEE

NEW YORK, Nov. 14.—Julius Kruttschnitt, chairman of the executive committee of the Southern Pacific, announced this afternoon that the railroad company was willing to discuss with representative committee of four labor organizations now on strike the question of inaugurating a system of dealing with controversies through a joint committee representing all four organizations, "and if no agreement can be arrived at, to have the controversy adjusted in the manner provided by the recent act of congress."

"It is further willing to have the controversy over its refusal to grant the demand actually made adjusted by the board of mediation and conciliation or by arbitration as provided in the act of congress. More than this cannot reasonably be required of it."

"The demand which the railroad company refused was that the company should meet such a joint or co-operative committee for the purpose of considering, discussing and settling certain specified cases of grievances which were in number some already settled, some in course of settlement and some presented for the first time, but all covered by the existing contracts with each organization."

"It is one thing to consent to take up and discuss with representatives of the trainmen and engineers whether or not existing agreed methods for dealing with grievances shall be changed and new methods substituted which will involve the recognition of a joint committee representing the four organizations. It is another and quite a different thing to consent to treat as arbiters the provisions of existing agreements relating to settlement of grievances, to recognize a co-operative committee from all four organizations as a proper body for the discussion and settlement of grievances, and to consent, moreover, to reopen and take up with such committee a batch of grievances of the character above described."

"The company has never been asked to take up and discuss with its employees

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Genevieve Clark to Give a Luncheon for White House Bride

Miss Genevieve Clark.



SPENCER CONVICTED OF REXROAT MURDER

Penalty of Death Fixed by the Jury; Prisoner Creates Scene in Courtroom.

CHICAGO, Nov. 14.—Henry Spencer, confessed slayer of Mrs. Mildred Allison Rexroat, a dancing teacher, tonight was found guilty of murder by a jury at Wheaton, a suburb.

The death penalty was fixed by the jury.

Spencer was arrested October 5, accused of having lured Mrs. Rexroat to Wayne, Ill., and placed her body on the railroad track after he had shot her to death.

Immediately after his arrest, Spencer began a wholesale confession in which he declared he had murdered twenty-nine persons, most of them women. Although the police proved that Spencer could not have committed many of these murders, they still maintain the belief that he killed at least one or two women in addition to the dancing teacher.

Spencer has insisted that he be given the death penalty. When his trial began Monday, however, his attitude in the courtroom was one of such violence that Prosecutor Hadley saw in it a well defined attempt to establish the belief that the defendant was insane.

Spencer was the only witness to take the stand for the defense. For fifteen minutes he cursed and reviled his own counsel and the state's attorney.

Spencer broke into another stream of profanity when he heard the verdict read and then fainted in his chair. "They'll hang me," he shouted. "They got me. They got me. How does the jury know I wasn't insane? I was insane. I am crazy."

In the absence of Spencer's counsel, Judge Blusser entered the original motion for a new trial and set the hearing for a week from Saturday.

MURDERER OF GIRL MAKES HIS ESCAPE

PORT SMITH, Ark., Nov. 14.—Arthur Tillman, 21 years old, under sentence of death for the murder of Miss Amanda Stephens, leaped from a train near Perry, Ark., while being taken to the state penitentiary today and escaped. Tillman was to be hanged March 10 next at Paris.

Miss Stephens, who was 19 years old, was shot to death last March, and her body buried in a well.

Senate Will Give Silver Tea Service; Supreme Court Goes Shopping.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 14.—Miss Genevieve Champ Clark, daughter of the speaker of the house, and Mrs. Clark, will entertain Miss Jessie Wilson, the bride-elect of the White House, at a buffet luncheon next Wednesday, November 19, at the Congressional club.

Invited to meet Miss Wilson will be the unmarried daughters of senators, representatives and cabinet members. Other guests will be Miss Wilson's two sisters, Miss Margaret and Miss Eleanor, Miss Wilson's bridesmaids and Miss Helen Woodrow Bones, Miss Wilson's cousin.

The luncheon will give an opportunity to Miss Wilson to meet many of the congressional girls she was unable to invite to the wedding.

It is understood that the senate has definitely decided upon a silver tea service with a chrysanthemum design. It was the desire of many of the senators to present a chest of silver, but through a misapprehension about the joint gift, some senators had picked out individual gifts and therefore the fund from the senate is not quite enough to permit of the gift of a full silver service.

The chief justice of the supreme court and the associate justices went shopping today for a wedding present for Miss Wilson. They selected a handsome silver centerpiece, which will be sent to the White House as a present from the supreme court. This centerpiece is in the shape of a narrow boat, stands on a glass and silver tray and has four tiny vases surrounding it.

Members of the diplomatic corps are still "marking time" until they hear from their countries about gifts. Many of those in legation circles who decided on flowers have reconsidered because of the fact that the other ministers have sent gifts. So far there have been no gifts from the rulers of foreign countries. The French embassy gift, it was learned today, is a flower vase of silver.

A local milliner is making many of the hats to be in the trousseau of Miss Wilson. Most of them are in dark colors and of medium round shape. One of them which probably will be her "best" hat, is made of soft black chiffon velvet with the crown and the upper part of the brim of silver cloth, two heavy but short black plumes standing out from the back of the crown. Another hat is made entirely of black tulle and lace and is the only one of the picture variety.

GOVERNMENT IS WINNER IN BIG POWER ACTION

United States Circuit Court of Appeals Reverses Judge Marshall, Who Ruled in Favor of Company.

ACTS OF CONGRESS INVOLVED IN CASE

Electrical Corporation Will Now Have to Obtain Permits for Occupancy of Lands in Question.

A decision that is expected to have a far-reaching effect in determining land title cases in which companies or private parties have made improvements on federal property without obtaining proper authority from the secretary of the interior, was rendered yesterday by the United States circuit court of appeals in St. Paul. The decision reversed that of Judge John A. Marshall, of the United States court for this district, in the case of the United States vs. the Utah Power & Light company. The court decides, according to press dispatches from St. Paul last night, that the Utah Power & Light company has no rights to the land it occupies in the Bear River national forest in Cache county, Utah. A flume, reservoir and conduit are located on the forest reserve.

As the suit was brought by United States District Attorney Hiram E. Booth to perpetually enjoin the company from maintaining an alleged unlawful possession of these public lands, the decision would possibly permit the government to confiscate the entire property of the company on the forest reserve.

Case May Go Higher.

It is believed that the case will be taken to the supreme court of the United States, although officials of the Utah Power & Light company said last night that they could not decide on their future action until their counsel had time to consider the reversal thoroughly.

In 1912 Hiram E. Booth, the United States district attorney for Utah, filed suit against the Telluride Power company, charging that the corporation had a reservoir, flume and conduit on the Bear river national forest without permission ever having been granted or without the power company ever having asked permission. When the holdings of the Telluride Power company were absorbed by the Utah Power & Light company the defense was assumed by the latter corporation, Attorneys E. M. Allison, Jr., and Stephen H. Bailey of this city being retained in both cases.

Attorneys for the Utah Power & Light company entered on February 3 of this year a motion that certain parts of the original complaint be dismissed. The motion was taken under advisement. Attorneys for the defense argued that an act of congress had authorized the construction and maintenance of power plants on forest reserves. Attorney Booth took the stand that the law only gave such permission in connection with the operations of mining and irrigation properties.

Government Takes Appeal.

On June 10 Judge Marshall ordered the dismissal, in accordance with the motion of the attorneys for the power company. District Attorney Booth immediately announced that he would appeal. The appeal was argued before the circuit court sitting in Denver on October 1. The court had the matter under advisement until the decision was announced yesterday.

According to information received by District Attorney Hiram E. Booth, the

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The Sunday Tribune

TIPPING—Did you ever make up your mind never to do any more tipping? John Henry did. George V. Hobart tells of his experiences in the matter.

RED SILK SCARF—Not a fashion feature, but a stirring detective story by Maurice Leblanc. Another of the confessions of Arsene Lupin.

FILES—The New York dramatic critic contributes an exceptionally interesting review of theatricals in the metropolis.

NEW CONTINENT—Lieutenant Petroff of the Russian government exploring ship sends a letter from the Arctic giving strange tales of a new, warm and fertile land in the dreary, frozen north.

HATS—Every woman loves hats and the new creations outlined by Lady Duff-Gordon are the smartest of those shown in Paris.

WOMAN—Mlle. Anne Danvers, the famous French actress, finds in every woman a marked resemblance to some animal. She makes six general classifications.

TODAY'S BIG GAMES—The most important battles of the gridiron are on today's card. In the east Yale and Princeton will fight it out. In the west the big game is between Minnesota and Chicago. In addition, there are scores of other games, all of which will be covered in the Sunday paper.

HEAVYWEIGHT FIGHTERS—Naughton devotes a column to a discussion of the heavyweight box-

ing situation. He calls for action on the part of the big fellows.

BOISE HERE TODAY—So far as high school football circles are concerned, the game today between Boise and the Salt Lake High school teams is the most important of the year. It will be fully reported in the Sunday issue.

GOVERNOR TENER—Governor Tener of Pennsylvania appears to be slated for the presidency of the National league, whether he wants the job or not. An interesting article reviews the National league's shortcomings.

TOM THORPE ON FOOTBALL—Tom Thorpe, famous as a member of the All-America football eleven, has an extended article on the games for next Saturday. The discussion deals with the Harvard-Yale struggle from every angle.

FOR THE HORSEMEN—Presently the eyes of every lover of horse racing will be turned on Juarez. Gossip about the sport on the Mexican track—the only winter course in the world—forms interesting reading.

RUBE MARQUARD IN TRADE—Persistent rumors have it that Rube Marquard, Giants pitcher, will be traded to Boston for Tyler. The reasons are given in the "Pink."

YALE IN TROUBLE—Scorching denunciations of the English stroke for Yale oarsmen may result in a speedy change of system. The criticisms are worth reading.

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